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ery appearing upon the list of ocean voyagers. It is a noticeable thing about these steamship wars, however, that they almost invariably occur in midwinter, when ocean travel is at low ebb. It is safe to say that before the annual rush across the Atlantic begins the war will be over, with rates back at their old mark and that all will be peace and serenity among the rival lines. It is only when there are few bones to pick that the companies begin quarreling over them.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

One of the penalties of a mild winter is found in the early activity of the Hessian fly.

Gen. Funston's diminutive stature is a positive disadvantage—it is so easy to jump officers over him.

Gov. Hughes is getting a reputation for presidential profundity by confining himself to his duties at Albany.

Not much has been heard of the "Peoples' lobby" in Washington. Maybe the people have decided to do their lobbying at home.

Brazil and the United States are each the hopeful possessor of a vast domain, and should always strive, as now, to be great and good friends.

The United States Army is 19,000 men short of the minimum desired. It is not a bad place for the unemployed who can pass the requirements.

Steamships are carrying passengers to Europe for less than 2 cents a mile, with subsistence thrown in. Transportation by water is beyond comparison the cheapest.

The amount of money hoarded during the recent flurry is estimated at \$275,000,000. As this is only \$3.50 per capita the calculation may be called decidedly conservative.

Instead of being a warlike demonstration Secretary Taft prefers to regard the movement of the battle-ship fleet as an object lesson for the better information of the marines.

Man aboard the Missouri with nightmare stopped battleship fleet by yelling "Man overboard!" Probably he had had too much "salthorse" for supper.

Officials of the Ananias Club are trying to figure out whether the latest trouncing that the President has given Governor Sparks makes the Nevadan eligible to membership.

This is not the first time we have heard the excuse that rotten hose was responsible for a heavy fire loss. When the real story is told there will be trouble over insurance rates.

Three Americans convicted of murder in Mexico have been sentenced to six years of silence in prison. May be able to enforce the sentence, inasmuch as none of the three is a woman.

S. M. Butler's suit for \$10,000 against his neighbor, Kenneth Hay, for alienating Mrs. Butler's affections suggests the revising of the old saw so as to read: "Make wealth while Hay shines."

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A Toronto paper speaks of a Southern light that resemble the aurora borealis. The fact that Mr. Davis of Arkansas shook up the Senate about the same time may be accidental.

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**RIFLE PRACTICE.**

**Plans of National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.**

WASHINGTON, Jan.25.—If the plans of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, and the National Rifle Association, meet with the approval of Congress, a great impetus will be given to schoolboy rifle practice in the United States. A tournament recently held in New York City met with such conspicuous success that when the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association assembled in Washington it was unanimously agreed that Congress should be asked for an appropriation to further the work among the school children. The marvellous shooting of the Annapolis cadets and the Navy team, which was composed almost exclusively of young men, at Annapolis, coupled with that of the school boys at Creedmoor and Sea Grit and on the miniature range at the recent Sportsman's show, has demonstrated that lads from sixteen years old upward can be taught to handle the military rifles with precision. At that age boys are enthusiastic about guns and outdoor sports and it is proposed to turn their attention toward the use of the military rifle with the idea that as they grow older their fondness for this sport will increase and that on leaving the schools, colleges, or universities they will join the National Guard or civilian rifle clubs and thus continue the work. As Gen. James A. Drain, President of the National Rifle Association, aptly put it: "The high-school boys of today will be the soldiers of tomorrow, and from them we should get our best militiamen and officers and our best marksmen." The English government spends large sums of money annually in encouraging school-boys rifle practice and other countries are turning their attention in this direction. The National Board has recommended to the Secretary of War that an item be inserted in the Army appropriation bill setting aside \$100,000 for the promotion of rifle practice in public schools, colleges, universities, and civilian rifle practice, including the cost of arms, ammunition, prizes, and the necessary material and appliances therefor and for the expenses of indoor and outdoor competition among the students, and members attending or belonging to the same and the traveling expenses and pay of persons designated by the Secretary of War to superintend such instructions and competition. These are to be conducted in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War. General Robert Shaw Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War, and President of the National Board, General James A. Drain, and General George W. Wingate, of New York, "the father of rifle practice," have been named as a committee to present the matter to Congress.

The National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice has made some important changes in regard to the National Matches which will be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, beginning Monday August 24, 1908. Monday was fixed as the opening day instead of Wednesday as last year in order that the teams and range officials might have Sunday to rest and prepare for the strenuous days to follow. The preceding Friday and Saturday, August 21, and 22, will be set aside for preliminary practice, the use of the range being free to the teams. To avoid controversies the Nation militia has been included so that its members will be clearly eligible for places on the team. In the Army Matches members of the medical corps are forbidden to compete as under the Red Cross regulations they are not supposed to bear arms or to be combatants, but for the purpose of the National Match the team organized militia will be held to include the several arms, corps, and departments which constitute it.

It will be of great interest to rifle-men to know that Model 1903 rifles, otherwise known as the "New Springfield," will be used, as this means the new rifles will be issued in time for spring practice. The ammunition will be confined to the service cartridge as manufactured and issued by the ordnance department, U. S. A. Teams

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**WEATHER.**  
 Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

**TO FIGHT THE HEPBURN ACT**

The only provision of the railway regulation act of 1908 which seems to have been seriously objectionable to the roads was that which prohibits them, from May 1, 1908, from carrying beyond state lines any commodity which they own. All the other features of the law appear to have been agreeable to them. Many of the roads talk about figuring that provision on the ground that it is unconstitutional. The plan is that the roads will ignore that clause of the law, and then when a case is made against them they will make a contest.

During the debate on the on the Hepburn amendment of 1906 to the interstate commerce law of 1887 this commodity-carrying provision of the statute was opposed by some good lawyers, on the ground that the courts would set it aside as contrary to the constitution. In the general wind-up, however, the whole bill was accepted by everybody in each branch of Congress except a few. The railways said very little about this provision at the time because the enforcement of it was placed two years in the future, so as to allow them a chance to dispose of the property which they had been hauling. A contest now on that provision of the law might disturb the stock market to some extent, but it would not be anything like the menace which the cut in railway rates in many of the states threatened to precipitate.

As the coal roads in Pennsylvania were the lines which this carrying provision of the Hepburn law was directed particularly against, they are the ones which are expected to be involved at the outset in the contest. All the roads, however, which are touched by this clause are likely to join the coal carriers if these make any fight. Some of the Democratic papers intimate that a fight of this sort would injure the Republicans in the presidential canvass. They are mistaken. The Republicans control the government, and thus are responsible for legislation, but the Democrats appeared to be as anxious as the Republicans for the passage of the Hepburn law. They pretended that this measure was stolen from the Democratic platform, and wanted to make it a little more extreme than the shape in which the Republicans put it. There is no politics in the railway regulation act of 1906. The contest which the roads threaten to make against the carrying provision of the statute will not be likely to disturb business. Nothing is in sight to check the industrial recovery which is under way throughout the country.

**TRAVEL WILL BE CHEAP.**

A situation by which it will be cheaper to travel to Europe than to stay at home is likely to be created if the present trans-Atlantic steamship war continues. Already second-class passage by the biggest and most comfortable Atlantic liners costs only a little over thirty dollars, while third-class tickets are below twenty, and it is predicted that very shortly they will go to ten. That will mean board and lodging on some of the finest ships in the world at only a little more than a dollar a day, with a 3000-mile ocean voyage thrown in. This literally would be cheaper than staying at home, and might lead to the names of Mr. "Half Soles" Kerrigan, Mr. "Split Finger" Mike and other well-known social figures of the Bow-

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